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April 23, 2014

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BLUE
CROSS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN, INC. FOR THE CAL
MEDICONNECT PROGRAM**

This is to notify you that I have exercised the delegated authority approved by your Board on April 1, 2014, to sign and execute future required substantially similar Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with other health plans identified by the California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to participate in the Cal MediConnect Program, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Officer in writing within ten days after execution of each MOU.

Under this authority, on April 10, 2014, I executed an MOU with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (Blue Cross), effective April 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. CDHCS has identified Blue Cross as an additional health plan for the Cal MediConnect Program, thereby requiring DPH to execute an MOU.

Under this MOU, the Department of Public Health will coordinate with Blue Cross to provide access to all medically necessary substance abuse services currently covered by Medicare and Medi-Cal to beneficiaries enrolled in the Cal MediConnect Program.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the MOU as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors